

SENATE WATCH

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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 712 (CHERRY)

The bill would increase the number of individuals a licensed used or secondhand vehicle parts dealer or foreign salvage vehicle dealer may have licensed as a salvage vehicle agent from two to four.

• SB 712 passed [RC 523: 38 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SB 744 (Birkholz)

Senate Bill 744 would create a teaching award grant program to recognize outstanding environmental teachers. The program would use the existing funding in the Environmental Education Fund which is made up of twenty-five percent of the civil fines collected annually and capped at \$150,000 in any fiscal year.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC]. The substitute changes the year the program will be created from 2003 to 2004 due to concerns from the DEQ. It also allows individuals who teach environmental education through a nonprofit organization to be eligible for the award.
- SB 744 was placed on third reading of bills [no RC].

HB 4753 (Shackleton)

House Bill 4753 revises the age requirement for school crossing guards from 18 years old to 17 years old. There is a shortage of crossing guards in many areas of the state. This legislation will give municipalities the ability to use their own judgment as to the appropriate age and maturity when they hire school crossing guards.

Support: Michigan Education Association.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 4753 was placed on third reading of bills [no RC].